cord Office were again informed about it. This is not a case of robbery as reported in the Press. No police officer was found at fault.

**Perquisites of the Members of Export Promotion Council**

1688. SHRI P. K. KUNJACHEN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Export Promotion Council members are entitled for remuneration, allowances etc. for attending meetings of the Council; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) and (b) The entitlement of the Members of the Council for remuneration, allowances etc., for attending the meetings of Committee of Administration, Executive Committee, working Committee, Managing Committee and their sub-Committees is regulated as per the provisions of the articles of association of the respective Export Promotion Councils. The position varies from Council to Council while in some of the Councils there is no provision for payment of any kind of remuneration, allowances etc. to the Members for attending the meetings, a few councils do provide for some sort of payment by way of out of pocket allowance in the nature of air fare etc.

1689. [*Transferred to the 2nd December,* 1988].

**Competition in the Market of EEC**

1690. SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India is facing serious competition in the market of European Economic Community from the developing countries;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to meet the challenge?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) to (c) Competition in the international market is very severe. In the EEC, India is facing competition not only from developing countries but also from developed countries including those within the EEC. Despite this, India's export to EEC increased from 2803.71 crores in 1986-87 to 3954.94 crores in 1987-88. Measures taken to increase exports include implementation of Trade Promotion Programmes, participation in international trade fairs, exchange of delegations, buyer-seller meets etc.

**Ninth Finance Commission**

1691. SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have received representations from certain States to the effect that their legitimate claims have been ignored by the Ninth Finance Commission; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Action against Government-run units for not taking pollution control measures**

1692. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI:

DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has recently ordered closure of some Government-run industrial units for failing to take pollution control measures; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Central Government have issued closure directions under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 to—

(i) M/s. Panki Thermal Power House, Kanpur, U.P.

(ii) M/s. India Paper and Pulp Ltd., 24-Parganas, West Bengal.

(iii) M/s Govt. Opium and Alkaloid Works, Ghazipur, U.P.

Eight Government-run industrial units polluting the river Ganga have been directed to instal Effluent' Treatment Plants within a stipulated time-frame, failing which they have been directed to close down their operation. Notices for setting up of Effluent Treatment Plants within a stipulated time-frame have also been served on four Government-run units polluting the river Ganga.

Show Cause Notices for closure have also been issued to—

(i) M/s. Hindustan Vegetable Oils Ltd., Kanpur.

(ii) Slaughter House, Delhi, and

(iii) Delhi State Industrial Development Corporation, regarding Bhatti Mines.

**खनिज और धातु व्यापार निगम को हुआ घाटा**

1693 **श्री ईश दत्त यादव** : क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि खनिज और धातु व्यापार निगम को गत अनेक वर्षों से कच्चे लोहे के निर्यात में घाटा हो रहा है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान वर्षवार, निगम को कितने रुपए का घाटा हुआ है ;

(ग) सरकार ने घाटा पूरा करने व मुनाफा कमाने की दृष्टि से उपर्युक्त अवधि के दौरान क्या क्या कदम उठाए हैं तथा उनके क्या परिणाम निकले हैं ; और

(घ) निगम किन-किन देशों को कच्चे लोहे का निर्यात करता है और उपर्युक्त अवधि के दौरान, अलग-अलग वर्षों में, निर्यात के समय प्रति क्विंटल मूल्य कितना-कितना था और इन देशों से गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान वर्षवार अर्जित की गई कुल विदेशी मुद्रा का ब्यौरा क्या है तथा इसे किन-किन देशों पर खर्च किया गया ?

**वाणिज्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी. आर. दासमुंशी)** : (क) और (ख) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान लौह अयस्क के निर्यातों पर भारतीय खनिज एवं धातु व्यापार निगम को हुए व्यापारिक लाभ/हानियां नीचे दर्शायी गयी है :—

(करोड़ रुपये में)

| वर्ष | (कुल व्यापारिक हानि (–) लाभ (+) |
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| 1985-86 | +5.42 |
| 1986-87 | –15.72 |
| 1987–88 | –21.99 |

(ग) बड़े जहाजों के ठहरने की व्यवस्था करने के लिए पत्तनों का विकास ताकि जहाज भाड़े का भार कम किया जा सके, रेल भाड़े की लागत कम करने के लिए बनसपानी-देतारी रेलवे लाइन का निर्माण और 1987–88 में रेलवे भाड़ों